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SUBJ: VERMONT BUSINESS OFFICE IN PRESS AGAIN

REF: MONTREAL 693

1. "LURING OF QUEBEC BUSINESS FEARED" - "'SENSITIVE' VERMONT OFFICE HERE GETS GRANTS." PRECEDING TWO HEADLINES INTRODUCE ARTICLE IN TODAY'S MONTREAL STAR ON NEWLY OPENED VERMONT BUSINESS OFFICE IN MONTREAL. LEAD PARAGRAPH REPORTS THAT OFFICE HAS BEEN GIVEN DOLS 65,000 IN US FEDERAL GRANTS, DESPITE LOCAL OBJECTIONS THAT STATE IS TRYING TO CAPITALIZE ON QUEBEC POLITICAL SITUATION.

2. ARTICLE GOES ON TO REPORT THAT ARTHUR KREIZEL, VERMONT DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS SECRETARY, RECENTLY TOLD BURLINGTON PRESS THAT APPROVAL OF GRANTS HAD BEEN DELAYED FOR ABOUT SIX MONTHS BECAUSE "IT BECAME A SENSITIVE ISSUE INVOLVING US STATE DEPARTMENT". KREIZEL ADDED THAT "SOME CANADIAN OFFICIALS BEGAN QUESTIONING WHETHER WE WERE THERE TO CAPITALIZE ON POLITICAL SITUATION."

3. KREIZEL SAID VERMONT GOVERNMENT WAS SENSITIVE TO SUGGESTIONS THAT STATE WAS TRYING TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THREATS BY ANGLOPHONE
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BUSINESSMEN TO LEAVE QUEBEC DUE TO POLITICAL FACTORS. HE SAID VERMONT WAS NOT TRYING TO LURE BUSINESS AWAY, BUT THAT "IF THEY ARE GOING TO MOVE, WE WANT THEM IN VERMONT."

4. COMMENT: CURRENT ARTICLE DIFFERS FROM PREVIOUS ARTICLE REPORTED REFTEL IN SPECIFYING FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AS SOURCE OF FUNDS FOR VERMONT OFFICE, AND IN MENTIONING CONCERN OF STATE

DEPARTMENT. WE STILL DO NOT FIND VERMONT ACTIVITIES TO BE OUT OF LINE IN VIEW OF PAST ACTIVITIES, BEFORE ELECTION OF PQ, OF NUMBER OF STATES TO ATTRACT CANADIAN INVESTMENT. LAST HALF OF MONTREAL STAR ARTICLE PRESENTS MORE STRAIGHTFORWARD ACCOUNT OF VERMONT'S PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES HERE, BUT HEADLINES, UNFORTUNATELY, ARE TYPICAL OF PRACTICE OF ANGLOPHONE PRESS IN MONTREAL TO CAPITALIZE ON CURRENT POLITICAL PROBLEMS.
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